

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR
 EXOTIC NEWCASTLE DISEASE**

RECOMMENDATION: Continue the emergency proclamation originally proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors on January 7, 2003, resulting from the discovery of Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) in poultry located within San Bernardino County described in the Emergency Proclamation, which still exists and continues to be a local emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On January 7, 2003, the Board adopted a resolution proclaiming a local emergency resulting from the discovery of END in poultry within San Bernardino County. The Board is required to review and continue the proclamation on either 14-day or 21-day intervals in accordance with California Government Code section 8630, if there is a continued existence of the local emergency.

During a period when the Board meets weekly, the proclamation must be reviewed every 14 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c)(2). If the Board does not meet weekly (e.g. due to a holiday), the proclamation must be reviewed every 21 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630(c)(1). The Board last took action to continue the emergency on August 26, 2003, and approval of this recommendation would continue the emergency for an additional period in accordance with Government Code section 8630.

The Governor declared a State of Emergency on January 7, 2003, in the fight against an outbreak of END among poultry in Southern California. The emergency declaration enables state agencies to pool resources and work cooperatively with the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in implementing an eradication campaign. One aspect of this eradication campaign was the creation of both state and federal quarantines. At this time, a reduced quarantine zone includes the Western portions of San Bernardino County, as well as portions of Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, Ventura, and Kern Counties. However, federal quarantines have been lifted for San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Imperial Counties after thorough testing with no indication of the highly infectious END.

There are no changes in status. END staff continues to conduct sampling in the quarantine areas of all previously infected sites throughout the County to be sure the END virus has been eradicated. There have been no new additional cases statewide since May 31, 2003.

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Since the start of the END emergency, there have been 944 END cases in the County with 1,321,057 diseased birds eradicated, and a total of 4,485 tons of Newcastle material disposed of in landfills. The Colton ICP closed July 18, 2003, with all activities moving to the City of Garden Grove office. END staff is currently being downsized due to quarantine reductions.

Staff is continuing to monitor the situation but recommends that the emergency proclamation continue to be renewed in support of the State and Federal efforts. Federal quarantines are tentatively scheduled to be lifted in the Western portion of San Bernardino County toward the end of September 2003. Therefore, staff recommends that the emergency proclamation be continued every 14 days and/or every 21 days in accordance with Government Code section 8630, until the federal quarantine is lifted.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Deputy Dennis Tilton) on August 27, 2003, and the County Administrative Office, (Wayne Thies, Administrative Analyst) on August 27, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: No known financial impact.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS: All

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